

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A lustrous dye carrier composition ~~containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, comprising~~ comprising at least one oxidative dye precursor and/or at least one direct dye and a combination of:

(a) from 6.1 to 25 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,

(b) from 4.2 to 20.15 weight percent of at least one fatty alkanolamide, and

(c) ~~4 to 15~~ from 2 to 10 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate,

wherein:

a weight ration of said at least one fatty alcohol to said at least one fatty alkanolamide is from 3:1 to 2:1;

a weight ration of said at least one fatty alkanolamide to said alkoxylate is from 3:1 to 1:1.5; and

a total amount of said at least one oxidative dye precursor, when present, is from 0.01 to 12 percent and a total amount of said at least one direct dye, when present, is from about 0.01 to 7 weight percent

wherein the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) is from 4:1 to 1:3 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is from 5:1 to 1:2.

2 and 3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, wherein the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from the group consisting of cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol, isotridecyl alcohol and mixtures of these compounds.

5. (currently amended) The lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, wherein the alkanolamide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or diethanolamine and the esters of monoethanolamine and diethanolamine.

6. (currently amended) The lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in one of claim 1, wherein the alkoxylate (c) is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol polyalkylene glycol ethers and fatty acid polyalkylene glycol esters with 8 to 30 carbon atoms in the fatty alcohol group or fatty acid group and with 2 to 300 alkylene glycol units in the polyalkylene glycol group.

7-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, wherein, in addition to the compounds of component (c) the dye carrier composition additionally comprises other nonionic and/or amphoteric surfactants.

11. (currently amended) The lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, wherein the dye carrier composition is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

12. (currently amended) An agent for oxidative coloring of hair, wherein the agent is obtained by mixing a lustrous dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1 with an oxidant.

13. (previously presented) The agent as defined in claim 12, wherein the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

14. (canceled)

15. (new) A lustrous dye carrier composition consisting of:

at least one oxidative dye precursor and/or at least one direct dye;
a combination of:

(a) from 6.1 to 25 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,

(b) from 1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alkanolamide, and

(c) from 1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate;

at least one pH adjusting agent;

at least one additive ingredient selected from the group of amphoteric surfactants, nonionic surfactants, antioxidants, perfume oils, thickeners, preservatives, complexing agents, solvents, softeners, Vaseline, lanolin derivatives, cholesterol, vitamins, pantothenic acid, and betain

wherein:

a weight ration of said at least one fatty alcohol to said at least one fatty alkanolamide is from 3:1 to 2:1;

a weight ration of said at least one fatty alkanolamide to said alkoxylate is from 5:1 to 1:1.5; and

a total amount of said at least one oxidative dye precursor, when present, is from 0.01 to 12 percent and a total amount of said at least one direct dye, when present, is from about 0.01 to 7 weight percent.